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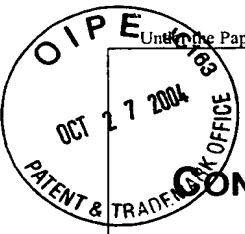
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/904,956
Filing Date	July 14, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ashkenazi, et al.
Group Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	Chernyshev, Olga
Attorney Docket Number	39780-1618P2C29

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 20000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) — of Sherman Fong, Ph.D.

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

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2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39780-1618P2C29)

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) = \$790.00

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) — 3-month EOT = \$980.00

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C29
Serial No.: 09/904,956 Group Art Unit: 1646
Filing Date: July 14, 2001 Examiner: Chernyshev, Olga
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application and responds to the Final Office action mailed April 27, 2004 in this case. This RCE filing and Preliminary amendment are being timely filed concurrent with a Petition for Extension of Time for three months to maintain co-pendency of this application. Also, attached herewith is a Declaration by Sherman Fong, Ph.D. with exhibits A-I and a copy of his curriculum vitae. Entry of this declaration and amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.